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At its meeting held April 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“Water quality has become an increasing issue of concern throughout the County of Los Angeles. Due to the unique and rural character of the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds (NSMBW), I asked the Director of Public Works to prepare a White Paper on water quality regulatory issues in that area. The NSMBW is comprised of a portion of the County of Ventura and the northwest portion of the County of Los Angeles, and includes the watersheds of Malibu Creek, Topanga Creek, and numerous other rural watersheds that drain to Santa Monica Bay.

“The primary regulations of concern for this area, similar to the rest of the County of Los Angeles, are the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water permit, Total Maximum Daily Loads, and Assembly Bill 885 (AB 885). AB 885 imposes requirements related to onsite wastewater treatment systems. There are numerous and sometimes disparate public and nonprofit organizations in the NSMBW area that focus on various issues related to these regulations. However, the rural character of the area does not allow for many currently available or traditional solutions to water quality issues.

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“Therefore the Director of Public Works recommended that a NSMBW Task Force, comprised of the stakeholders in the watersheds, be established to work collaboratively in developing a Regional Watersheds Implementation Plan. This plan will identify actions, plans, and projects needed to comply with the regulations in a cost-effective and collaborative manner. It can also serve as a model for water quality compliance throughout the County.

“My office and County staff have been meeting with the other governmental agencies in the area responsible for complying with these regulations to garner their support and participation. We also asked these agencies to serve on the Executive Committee of the Task Force, as well as any necessary subcommittees. To date, all these entities, the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Westlake Village in the County of Los Angeles, the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, have unanimously passed resolutions authorizing their participation.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the attached resolution authorizing the County of Los Angeles and the County Flood Control District, in conjunction with the County of Ventura, the County of Ventura Watershed Protection District and the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks to participate in the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds Task Force to develop the Regional Watersheds Implementation Plan;
2. Instructed the Director of Public Works to:
  - a. Represent the County Flood Control District and Chair the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds Task Force Executive Committee; and
  - b. Appoint a designee from the Third Supervisorial District to serve on the Executive Committee; and
  - c. Invite all other interested stakeholders, including public agencies, regulators, environmental groups, and other citizen organizations to participate in the Plan preparation through subcommittees;

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3. Requested other County departments, such as Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Beaches and Harbors, Chief Administrative Officer, Fire, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, Regional Planning and Sheriff, to participate in the appropriate subcommittees as stakeholders on related water quality issues.

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